

# SOCIETY

## Household Interests

### MANY INFORMAL NEW YEAR ENTERTAINMENTS GIVEN

Buffet luncheon in honor of Miss Reed, Judge Keith's wife, at his home.

Any number of charming affairs took place yesterday for the entertainment of the fashionable set. Miss Alice Burwell Reed was guest of honor at a buffet luncheon yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, given by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reed. Decorations were in Christmas greens and crimson flowers and 20 luncheon table in the dining room was set with a centerpiece of poinsettias. Only the debutantes of this season and some of the younger men were invited to meet Miss Reed.

Another gathering of prominent guests went to the home of Judge James Keith on Cathedral Place yesterday, when the distinguished jurist and his daughter, Mrs. Juliet Chilton Keith, kept open house in honor of Mrs. Ben Huger, of Lexington.

Quantities of bright red flowers, holly and running cedar decorated the Country Club of Virginia for the annual New Year's reception which took place yesterday. Little red bells and branches of mistletoe, caught up with streamers of scarlet ribbon were strung from one side of the room to the other and the long tables in the dining room, from which a buffet supper was served, was arranged with red flowers and a huge central decoration of poinsettias and red roses. Several hundred members attended the affair and an orchestra played for the dancing. Mrs. Thomas Branch McAdams, Mrs. Thomas Pickett Bryan, Mrs. Harace S. Hawes, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Robert G. Campbell were at the punch bowl.

There was another interesting reception largely attended yesterday afternoon at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. George E. Seay, at the headquarters of General French. She is actively engaged in availing the Prince of Wales fund for the relief of the families of the men at the front.

Harris, Cornelius Allen and Robert Allen, of Kenbridge.

The chapters were Mesdames J. M. Harris, George E. Seay and W. J. Harris.

IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gordon, of Savannah, Ga., are guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Hunter McGuire, for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Gray, Jr., and John Springer Gray are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Springer in Wilmington, N. C.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor has gone to London, where she is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Claude A. Swanson.

Charles E. Redd, of Danville, is spending the holidays with his brother, John H. Redd, of Roberts Street, Barton Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Epps, of this city, have been visiting relatives in Blackstone.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Tate, of Pine Street, are leaving shortly for an extended trip through the South and Southwestern States.

Miss Frankie Liggett, of this city, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. B. Williamson, in Harrisonburg.

Miss Mary D. Walsh, president of the senior class of Trinity College, Washington, is spending the holidays at her home, 2924 Monument Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fennell have been visiting the latter's parents near Beaver Dam.

Miss Julia M. Falconer has returned to Newport News, after a several days' visit to friends here.

## Only Daughter of King George



A new photograph of Princess Mary, the only daughter of King George of Great Britain. She is keeping in close touch with her brother, the Prince of Wales, who is now with the expeditionary forces in France, at the headquarters of General French. She is actively engaged in availing the Prince of Wales fund for the relief of the families of the men at the front.

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These meals are for six persons: TO-MORROW'S MENU.

SUNDAY.	
Breakfast.	
Stewed Apples	..... .04
Hominy Grits	..... .08
Creamed Ham	..... .03
Waffles	..... .08
Coffee	..... .10
	..... .23
Dinner.	
Stew of Pea Soup, Croutons	..... .08
Fried Rabbit	..... .50
Baked Macaroni with Cheese	..... .12
Celery	..... .10
Candied Yams	..... .12
Brown Betty, Hard Sauce	..... .20
Coffee	..... .10
	..... 1.12
Supper.	
Cold Roast Beef (from Sat.)	..... .08
Scalloped Potatoes	..... .08
Jelly	..... .08
Drop Cookies	..... .10
Chocolate	..... .10
	..... .46

Fried Rabbit: Cut up the rabbit and fry in butter until nearly done. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, then let cool. Dip each piece in beaten egg and bread crumbs, let stand about ten minutes, dip in melted butter and repeat the egg and crumb process. Put in a wire basket and fry in hot fat to a golden color. Drain on paper and serve per or a linen napkin, garnish with strips of fried bacon. If desired, serve with tartare sauce.

Drop Cookies: Cream together one-fourth cup each butter and lard, add one egg well beaten, five tablespoons milk, one and three-fourths cups rolled oats, one-half cup raisins (seeded and cut in pieces), one-half cup chopped nut meats, Mix and add one and one-half cups flour with one-half teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon soda, half teaspoon cinnamon, one-half teaspoon allspice, and add to the first mixture. Drop from tip of spoon on buttered sheet and bake.

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Tuberculosis, pneumonia, diphtheria, sore throat and common "cold" are readily transferred in kissing. Apparently healthy individuals are frequently found to be "carriers" of these diseases. Young persons in the incipient stage of tuberculosis may infect a sweetheart before they are aware of the presence of bacilli in the saliva. And there could be no more effective way of transmitting vulgar, everyday "cold-in-the-head" or sore throat than by planting the infection on other lips.

We dare not estimate the death-rate from kissing. Of course, the dangers involved are just what lend romance and excitement to the endeavor. Juliet deliberately invited disaster when she remarked, on the occasion of that first fatal kiss at the Capulet ball:

"I will kiss thy lips; Haply some poison yet doth hang on them."

And Juliet had never been immunized—all her previous kisses had been thoughtless. A thrown kiss is sterile.

We would suggest that the forehead or the back of the hand is a more appropriate place to touch your lips. For admirers of cool, growing babies, the toes or the back of the neck is the right place; never subject a defenseless infant to the unknown danger of your germ-laden saliva.

Questions and Answers.

Rubber Diapers.—Is it detrimental in any way to use rubber sheeting diapers over the baby's ordinary diapers?

Reply.—In warm weather it is injurious to the baby's skin. In any weather it is risky—likely to cause eczema or other skin trouble unless the diapers are promptly changed. We should prohibit their use on a baby.

Self-Explanatory.—A worried subscriber has a peculiar throbbing or beating noise in his head when he first goes to bed at night. His sleep does not refresh him and he is a little nervous. He is eighteen years old, and has used tobacco for eight years.

Reply.—The last sentence makes the young man's trouble self-explanatory. Our advice: Quit it for eight years.

Vital Question.—1. What per cent of syphilis is cured? 2. What is the cost of a Wassermann blood test? The test is made by the average country doctor? I have now taken twenty-eight months of uninterrupted treatment, mercurial monthly, from my doctor, and am in fine shape, only some

lymph nodes remain thickened in different places. 3. If the blood test shows I am cured, would there be any danger of my children inheriting the disease?

Reply.—1. This depends wholly upon the faithfulness with which the patient follows treatment. If the patient does as his doctor directs the cures approximate 99 per cent; unfortunately most patients are wiser than their doctors, hence they are incurable. 2. Usually \$10. Only a laboratory expert can make the test—makes no difference whether a city or country doctor's country which are as a rule as competent as their city colleagues. 3. If a competent doctor pronounces you cured after one or more negative Wassermann's tests, there is no danger of transmitting the infection to children. It is the general custom for all practicing physicians to send the specimen of blood to a laboratory for the test.

Letter from a G. P.—(which stands for "grateful patient.")—You will perhaps recall that I wrote in the summer asking for advice, and you referred me to an authority on tuberculosis. I was also afraid I might have had some kind of hookworm infection. After some delay I visited the clinic you suggested, and learned that I had only a simple catarrh, which caused my cough and the eye symptoms. Please accept my grateful thanks for the assistance you have given me to regain my health.

Reply.—This correspondent had no funds and needed help. She was in danger of falling into the hands of a charlatan, who would proceed to treat her for whatever she imagined she had. P. S.—She signed her name to both letters.

AGED HERMIT FOUND DEAD IN HOME NEAR MONTICELLO

Death, Probably Due to Freezing. Brings to Light Story of Reclusive Woman-Hater.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., January 1.—Philip Kaufman, aged eighty-five, a member of a Zion, Pa., family of means, was found dead in a chair in his home, at the foot of Carter's Mountain, not far from Monticello. He lived alone, and it is supposed that death resulted from freezing. The dead man was found in the position described by hunters, who, passing near his house, saw that the snow was untrodden, indicating that no one had recently entered or left it.

Philip Kaufman's death brings to light the story of a reclusive woman-hater, who was probably also a miser. He came to Charlottesville about 1870 and purchased the farm upon which he lived. His removal from Zion was due to a romance which developed after he had become a mature man. His new home was to be presided over by the woman of his choice. When he returned to Zion to claim her he found her already married. Forthwith he separated himself from his kind, and for forty-five years there was no other inmate of his modest home. Hunters who went to Carter's Mountain to shoot squirrels sometimes saw the odd creature and found him not ungenial. He developed his farm of over 200 acres, making of it a good fruit and stock producing plant. Its improvement continued until about ten years ago, when, probably because of advanced age, he began to neglect his stock, orchard and house. The latter fell rapidly into decay, and Kaufman himself each year seemed more of a vagabond until, when death claimed him, he was dressed in clothes made of burlap and slept on a bed of straw, covering himself with a sheepskin and with bags.

for when he died his house was in ruins, his windows mere open places in the walls and the floor sunken with decay. He went barefooted except on those rare nights when he ventured into Charlottesville and wore rubber boots. His income, not being depleted by outgo, it is reasonable to suppose that he accumulated something. Well authenticated stories relate that when he could not make change he would say that he would go to a neighbor's and get it. He returned always with the right sum, but it was believed that he found it in his hoard somewhere in the weeds. As a matter of fact, he was not on terms of intimacy with any of his neighbors. He kept aloof from them, but if they came into his neighborhood he treated them with courtesy. The imperious demand of human nature for associate of some kind was met in his case by having with him dogs, sheep and hogs which occupied the house on equal terms. When his body was found there were found also the dead bodies of a dog, a sheep and a chicken—all frozen. Separation from human kind had imposed the usual penalty of reversion to a lower state. The man who had won temporarily the consent of a Pennsylvania woman to be his wife died in rags and filth.

Mr. Kaufman's relatives in Pennsylvania were notified of his death and claimed the body, which was started to-day on its journey north. His family have made more than one effort to reclaim the reclusive and are not in any measure to blame for the conditions which surrounded him. They were more squallid than there was any excuse for. The man had on his person at the time of his death about \$25, and made who knew him believe he had other immediately available means.

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